

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Cross Reference to Related Applications as presented in the Preliminary Amendment to read as follows:

CROSS REFERENCE REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

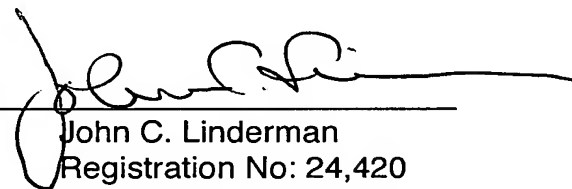
The present application is related to and claims priority of the following co-pending application, namely, Japanese patent application number 2002-345870 filed on November 28, 2002. ~~The above identified application is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.~~

The last sentence of Cross Reference to Related Applications has been deleted in view of Examiner's objection to the incorporation of the priority application by reference.

No fees are believe to be due with this Response; however, Account No. 13-0235 maintained by Applicants' attorney may be charged if necessary.

Favorable consideration is requested.

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